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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON

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Memorandum

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November 26, 1941.

My dear General Arnold:

With regard to the photographic mission of the two B-24 airplanes flying to the Philippines this week, photographs and reconnaissance of Jaluit and Truk are desired in order to ascertain number and location of ships, submarines, air fields, aircraft, guns, barracks or camps, and other important military features.

I would appreciate the issuance of instructions somewhat as follows:

(a) Senior pilots of the aircraft should see Admiral Kimmel personally after arrival in Oahu and ask his advice, particularly if the operating limitations for the flight are such that a decision must be made to omit reconnaissance of one of the places.

(b) The pilots should also ascertain, while at Honolulu, the best time of day for photography at Truk and Jaluit.

(c) No dispatches should be sent from Moresby, in the interests of secrecy.

(d) Upon arrival in the Philippines, a copy of the report and two copies of any photographs taken should be sent to Admiral Hart, Admiral Kimmel and the Chief of Naval Operations.

(e) Inform Admiral Hart that the Chief of Naval Operations requests him to dispatch a digest of the report to Admiral Kimmel, by radio.

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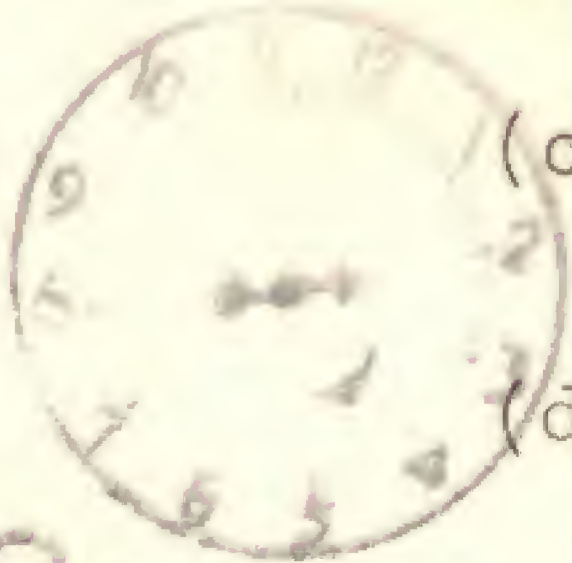
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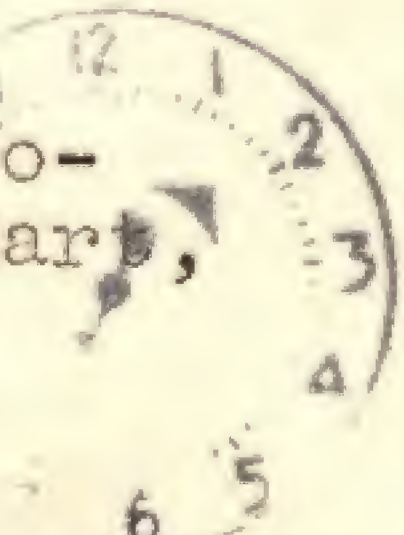
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